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quotation expression for identity, as distinct from resemblance. The Chinese system of date assumptions different from those which we are accustomed, and therefore will comprehend the mania which seems to possess the Occidental, ascertain everything with uttering a sentence. The Chinese does not know how many families there are in his native village, and he does not want to know. What at a human being can want to know this number, is to him an insoluble riddle. It is a few hundreds," several hundreds," "not a few," but a fixed and definite number it never will be. The Chinese has an unutterably deficient idea of indication which comes from a mere formula, where the minutest precision is fully necessary. The first generation of Chinese chemists will probably lose many of its power as a result of the process of mixing a "few tons of grain" with something else, "several tens of grains" of something else; the consequence being an unattainable earthquake. The Chinese are as capable of learning minute accuracy in all things as any nation ever was—many more so, if they are covered with infinite patience; but what we have to remark of this is not, it is that at present constituted, they are free from the quality of accuracy, and they do not understand what it is. If this is true statement of a 'true fact,' their inferences would seem to be legitimate.

First, mark the difference made by mally for this trait, in our examination of the historical records. We can readily deceive ourselves, by taking Chinese statements of numbers and of quantities to be what they were never intended to be, exact. Secondly, a wide margin must be left for a variation, as a result of the significant use of a Chinese 'Census.' The whole is no greater than its parts, Chinese enumeration to the contrary notwithstanding. When we have well considered all the beatings of the word of it, as was remarked of the United States, we may say, by a canon of a Scotchman who had a strong inclination to the 'glorious uncertainty of the law,' that it has 'the last guest at the case!' —*N. Y. Daily News*.

**Quotations**

HONGKONG, July 25.  
OPPIUM—Now Fatta, cash, . . . 497½  
    " Old         cash, . . .     "  
    " Now Benaras, cash, . . . 485  
    " Old         cash, . . .     "  
    " New Malwa, cash, . . . 650  
    Allowance, Tels., . . . 40/84  
    " Old Malwa, cash, . . . 670/83  
    Allowance, Tels., . . . 40/84  
    " Porcelain, Oily, cash 600  
    " Porcelain, Tels., . . . 160  
    " Persian, Paper told 500  
    Allowance, Tels., . . . 10/48

**Exchange**

HONGKONG, July 25.  
On London—  
Bank, Wire, . . . . . 2 11½  
    " On demand, . . . . . 3/10  
    " 30 days' sight, . . . . . 3/0¾  
    " 4 months' sight, . . . . . 3/0¼  
On India, 4 months' sight, . . . 3/0½  
Documentary, 4 months' sight 3/0½  
On Paris—  
On demand, . . . . . 3.87  
Credits, 4 months' sight, . . . 3.79  
On New York—  
On demand, . . . . . 73½  
Credits, 60 days' sight, . . . 72½  
On Bombay—  
On demand, . . . . . 224  
Wire, . . . . . 224  
On Calcutta—  
Wire, . . . . . 224  
On demand, . . . . . 224  
On Shanghai—  
On demand, . . . . . 72  
30 days' sight, . . . . . 72½  
Gold Leaf, 100 zns., . . . . 54.20  
Sovereigns, . . . . . 56.57

**Temperature.**

Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises  
Queen's Road, . . . . .  
Barometer . . . . . 29.75  
Do. . . . . 29.73  
Do. . . . . 29.72  
Thermometer—F. 9 A.M. . . . . 87  
                " 1 P.M. . . . . 90  
Do. (Wet bulb) . . . . . 88  
Do. . . . . 84  
Do. . . . . 82  
Do. Maximum . . . . . 90  
Do. Minimum near zero. 86

**METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.**

AT 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Barometer . . . . . 29.66  
Temperature . . . . . 84  
Humidity . . . . . 77  
Direction of Wind . . . W  
Force . . . . . 1  
Weather . . . . . c

Hongkong Observatory, July 25, 1888.

**CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.**

JULY 24.—AT 4 P.M.

Latitude and longitude, and day of month.	Temperature.	Wind.	Force.	Direction.	Waves.	Rain during previous 24 hours.
Tientsin, 39.51 N. 117.50 E.	70	SE	4	of	—	—
Peking, 39.51 N. 116.28 E.	—	S	4	—	—	—
Shanghai, 31.22 N. 121.48 E.	80	SW	2	c	—	0.16
Canton, 22.31 N. 113.35 E.	85	4	SW	b	—	—
Hankow, 30.58 N. 114.18 E.	86	NE	1	c	—	—
Amoy, 23.42 N. 118.08 E.	87	NE	1	b	—	—
Swatow, 23.61 N. 117.41 E.	86	NW	1	c	—	—
Keelung, 24.76 N. 121.73 E.	81	NE	1	c	—	—
Formosa, 22.76 N. 120.53 E.	84	WSW	3	o	—	—
Annan, 22.72 N. 106.56 W.	86	SW	5	oq	1.77	—

JULY 25.—AT 10 A.M.

Latitude and longitude, and day of month.	Temperature.	Wind.	Force.	Direction.	Waves.	Rain during previous 24 hours.
Tientsin, 39.51 N. 117.50 E.	66	100	EE	s	0.44	—
Peking, 39.51 N. 116.28 E.	—	S	6	G	—	—
Shanghai, 31.22 N. 121.48 E.	81	SE	3	—	—	—
Canton, 22.31 N. 113.35 E.	81	SE	2	b	—	—
Hankow, 30.58 N. 114.18 E.	80	SW	1	c	—	—
Amoy, 23.42 N. 118.08 E.	80	SW	1	c	—	—
Swatow, 23.61 N. 117.41 E.	73	WNW	1	c	—	—
Keelung, 24.76 N. 121.73 E.	87	—	0	o	0.25	—
Formosa, 22.76 N. 120.53 E.	82	—	0	—	—	—

The barometer has risen, but W.S.W. winds in Luzon yesterday blowing fresh squalls indicated the existence in the equator of the typhoon forecast on the 23rd. Light, close and dry weather continues in China.

W. DOERING,  
Government Astronomer.  
Hongkong Observatory, July 25.

1. Barometer, reduced to 32° Fahr. Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.  
2. Thermometer, in the shade in degrees, tenths and hundredths.  
3. Hygrometer, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being taken as 100.  
4. Direction of Wind, to two points.  
5. Force or Wind, according to Beaufort's Scale.  
6. State of Weather, b blue sky, c clear, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h haze, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q greatly increased rain, s snow, t thunder, v variable wind, w very light breeze, x easterly breeze, y heavy rain.



SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN,

SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN,  
PHILIPPINES, AND SIAM  
WATERS.

WHAMPOA.		
Passes's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Destination.
Chintung	Chi. str.	Shanghai
Fooksang	Brit. str.	Shanghai
Kwang Lee	Brit. str.	Shanghai

AMOY.  
In port on July 20, 1888.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Fidelio	German
Monmouthshire	British

**MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.**  
 Anglo India      Brit.   bqe.  
 Archos            Brit.   bqe.

Earn                      Brit. bqs.  
—  
FOOCHOW.  
In port on July 14, 1888.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Angers	British
Feecheu	Chinese

Taku	British
Chingwo	British

**MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.**

Director, Harbour Commission.

Director Barrow	Ger.	sch.
Galveston	Brit.	bqe.
Charley	Brit.	bqe.

SHANGHAI.  
In port on July 18, 1888.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Anadyr	French
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Anchises	British
Benlawers	British
El Dorado	British

Foocheu	Chinese	
Khedive	British	
Kiang-kwan	Chinese	Hankow, &c.
Ki...	Chinese	

Kiang-piau	Chinese
Kaling	British
Kung-wo	British
Kwangchi	Chinese

Nauzing	British
Proussen	German
Store Nordiske	Danish

Tokio Maru	Japanese	Kobe
Whampoa	British	
Yuen Wo	British	

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.		
Kelverdale	Brit.	bqe.
Primus	Rus.	sch.
Satsuma	Brit.	bqe.

NAGASAKI.

In port on July 11, 1888.

Dorothy Brit. bqe.  
Kozaki Maru Japan. bqe.  
—  
HIOGO.

Erato	Brit.	sh.
Henry Villard	Amer.	sh.
J. D. Reed	Amer.	sh.

H. D. Reed Amer. sh.  
 Thomas Perry Brit. bgs.  
 T. E. Starbuck Amer. sh.

**YOKOHAMA.**  
In port on July 7, 1868.  
Africa      Brit. bqs.

Nemo Brit. bge.  
Republic Amer. sh.  
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**MANILA.**

A. Stafford	Brit.	bqe.	discharging.
B. P. Cheney	Amer.	sh.	Boston
Childwall	Brit.	bqe.	

Em. F. Whitney Brit.	sh.	New York
ILOILO.		
Lenator	Brit.	sh. United States

Martha Davis	Amer. bqe.	New York
Mindoro	Am.	sh. United Stat
Richard Parsons	Amer. bqe.	United Stat

Yorktown Amer. sh. New York  
—  
**BANGKOK.**  
In port on June 27, 1888.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Chamroen	British
Bangkok	British

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.	
Aurora	Brit. bqs.
Bua Ban	Siam. bqs.

Doretta	Siam.	sch.
Eagle	Brit.	bg
Eidsvold	Norw.	bqe.
F	Siam.	

Fortune	Siam.	bqe.
Golliah	Siam.	sch.
Hai-cheong	Brit.	bqe.
Kien Hong Seng	Siam.	bqa.

Linda	Norw.	bqs.
Madre Rosa	Ital.	bqs.
Mary Stewart	Brit.	bqs.

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